

Indiana Dunes State Park

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Long-tailed Duck

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January Nature Center Hours: 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. CDT

Tuesdays-Sunday, Closed Mondays

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All programs are free (unless otherwise noted) and open to the public after paying the park entrance fee. Our interpretive programs are designed to entertain and enrich folks of all ages. Children under 12, please bring a parent with you.

Saturday January 9

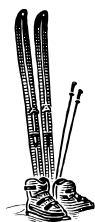
10am Mt Tom Conquest! See the majesty of a Duneland winter from the highest dune in Indiana! Meet the Interpreter at the Nature Center for a 45-minute moderate hike to the top of Mt. Tom and back. Bundle up and join us! DG

2pm Winter Reptiles! While the dunes reptiles are snug in bed for a long winter's sleep, visit the Nature Center and learn how our native reptiles cope with the layer of snow. DG

Sunday January 10

10am Feed the Birds. Join the Naturalist outside the Nature Center for the daily feeding of our birds. Get great close up views of chickadees, cardinals, and woodpeckers! Great fun for the kids. DG

2pm Just a Few Furs. Examine animal skulls and furs and help us explore how the Indiana Dunes' mammals tough out the winter. Meet in the (heated) Nature Center Auditorium. Join us! DG



Saturday January 16

Welcome Geocachers to the Indiana Dunes Geocache Adventure!

10am Nature Journaling! Take a winter break in the heated Nature Center Auditorium. We'll explore creating your own "green" nature journal to record all your natural experiences. Take off the coats and gloves and join us!

12pm Indiana Dunes Geocache Adventure

Explore the Indiana Dunes with your GPS unit, and win prizes too! The Geocache Adventure is an annual geocaching event that lets geocachers in the tri-state area compete and have fun. The day ends with a chili-dump at the Nature Center to warm our cold bones. For registering and for more information visit geocaching.com, and search zip code 46304 for more information.

2pm Winter Beach Walk! Meet the park interpreter at the beach pavilion for a short stroll along Lake Michigan's arctic shoreline. We'll explore dune formation, ice shelf building, and keep an eye out for animal tracks and other winter secrets. Dress for the cold and wind! DG

Sunday January 17

10am Winter Juncos and Tree Sparrows.

Meet the Interpreter this morning for some bird banding demonstrations. We'll be focusing on the mid-winter feeder birds, such as juncos and tree sparrows. Get up close views of these amazing birds this morning. BB

2pm Snow Shuffle.

Experience the dune woodlands this morning! Bring your snowshoes, skis, or boots with you and learn techniques to moving around in the snow. A limited number of x-country skis are at the Nature Center for the kids (and small adult sizes) to rent. Call ahead to reserve your pair and to check that we have your size. Meet at the Nature Center. DG

Saturday January 23

10am Winter Wetlands. Bundle up and join the Naturalist for a winter stroll into the Duneland wetlands. We'll explore how life goes on below the icy prison of the ponds and streams. Join us for this hour hike at the Nature Center. DLG

2pm Mapping the Dunes through Time.

Explore the dunes through the ages with the use of modern technology. Meet in the Nature Center Auditorium for a peak at how the old photos and maps have captured the changing dunes. Join us! DG

5pm Saturday Night Ski-in!

Break out your skis, snowshoes, or warm hiking boots and join us for an evening adventure in the dune woodlands. We'll meet at the Wilson Shelter to enjoy a warm fire, before beginning our hour trek into the winter wonders of the dunes! In lieu of no snow, we'll still hike it. DG

Sunday January 24

10am Feed the Birds. Join the Naturalist outside the Nature Center for the daily feeding of our birds. Get up close encounters with juncos, chickadees and more! DG

2pm Shelf Ice Spotlight!

Meet the park interpreter at the beach pavilion for a short stroll along Lake Michigan's arctic shoreline. We'll explore dune formation, ice shelf building, and keep an eye out for animal tracks and other winter secrets. Dress for the cold and wind! DG

Tuesday January 26

7pm Image Makers Nature Photo Club.

Image Makers is an informal nature photo club that meets once a month at the Nature Center. Bring your favorite photo to share or just enjoy photos from other nature photo enthusiasts. Join us!

Saturday January 30

10am Dunes Winter Geology. Join us in the warm Nature Center Auditorium for a look at the geology that created one of Indiana's treasured natural formations... the dunes! We'll explore how the dunes are made and how this large lake appeared.

2pm Winter Dunes... A Slide Show Tour.

Join us in the Nature Center auditorium for this scenic 30 minute slide show tour of our beautiful dunes blanketed in snow. Explore chilly sites from the comfort of your heated chair! BB

Sunday January 31

10am Feed the Birds. Join the Naturalist outside the Nature Center for the daily feeding of our birds. Get up close encounters with juncos, chickadees and more! BB

2pm 100 Years of Indiana State Parks. Join us in the Nature Center auditorium for this new 50-minute documentary that captures 100 years of the Indiana State Parks. It was produced in 2009 by PBS and shows great scenes from your favorite parks. Join us!

Reserve a special hike or program for your group!

Park Interpreters have been helping visitors get the most from their duneland adventures since 1931. Separate from public programming, the interpretive service of the park remains available today, revealing the secrets of the dunes to school, church, company, and scout groups year round with a variety of tailored programs and hikes. For a \$1.00 per person fee, reservations can be made from 6 months to two weeks in advance. The Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center is now scheduling spring field trips! Call the Nature Center and schedule your group's adventure today! (219) 926-1390

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www.interpretiveservices.in.gov

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